

# Shopping for Fruits

COMPREHENSION • VOCABULARY • DISCUSSION

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## Reading Passage

Read the passage carefully. Each paragraph is labelled with a letter for easy reference.

- A** Maria goes to the market every Saturday. She likes to buy fresh fruits. Today, she wants apples, bananas, and oranges. The price of apples is \$2 per kilogram. Bananas cost \$1.50 per kilogram, and oranges are \$3 per kilogram. Maria buys 2 kilograms of apples, 1 kilogram of bananas, and 3 kilograms of oranges. She pays \$2 times 2 for apples, \$1.50 times 1 for bananas, and \$3 times 3 for oranges. Maria counts her money. She spends \$4 for apples, \$1.50 for bananas, and \$9 for oranges. In total, Maria spends \$14.50. She is happy with her shopping.

## Vocabulary Glossary

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Key words and phrases from the passage. Study them before attempting the exercise below.

| WORD / PHRASE   | DEFINITION   | EXAMPLE SENTENCE   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| <b>market</b>   | a place where people buy and sell things           | <i>We go to the market every Sunday to buy vegetables.</i> |
| <b>fresh</b>    | new and clean, not old                             | <i>I like to eat fresh bread in the morning.</i>           |
| <b>kilogram</b> | a unit to measure weight, equal to 1000 grams      | <i>The bag of rice is 5 kilograms.</i>                     |
| <b>price</b>    | the amount of money something costs                | <i>The price of the book is \$10.</i>                      |
| <b>count</b>    | to find the total number by adding                 | <i>Can you count the number of chairs in the room?</i>     |
| <b>spend</b>    | to use money to buy something                      | <i>I will spend my money on a new toy.</i>                 |
| <b>total</b>    | the whole amount when everything is added together | <i>The total cost of the meal is \$20.</i>                 |
| <b>happy</b>    | feeling good and pleased                           | <i>She was happy to see her friend at the party.</i>       |

### Vocabulary Exercise — Fill in the Blank

Use one word or phrase from the glossary above to complete each sentence. Each item is used only once. Answers are on the final page.

1. Maria goes to the \_\_\_\_\_ every Saturday.
2. She likes to buy \_\_\_\_\_ fruits.
3. Oranges are \$3 per \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of apples is \$2 per kilogram.
5. Maria \_\_\_\_\_ her money after shopping.
6. In total, Maria \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.50 on fruits.

## Comprehension Questions

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*These questions are different from the online practice test. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D). Answers and explanations are on the final page.*

### Question 1

**How much does Maria pay for oranges?**

- A. \$3
- B. \$6
- C. \$9
- D. \$12

### Question 2

**Why does Maria choose to shop on Saturdays?**

- A. The market is closed on other days
- B. She is free to shop on Saturdays
- C. Fruits are cheaper on Saturdays
- D. She prefers shopping with friends

### Question 3

**What is the first fruit mentioned that Maria wants to buy?**

- A. Bananas
- B. Apples
- C. Oranges
- D. Grapes

### Question 4

**What does Maria do after buying the fruits?**

- A. She counts her money
- B. She buys vegetables
- C. She goes home
- D. She talks to friends

### Question 5

#### Why is Maria happy after shopping?

- A. She saved money
- B. She bought everything she wanted
- C. She met a friend
- D. She found a new market

### Discussion & Writing Prompts

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*Each prompt references a specific detail from the passage above. Use for classroom discussion or a short written response (150–200 words).*

1. Maria spends \$14.50 on fruits in total. Do you think this is a fair price for the amount she bought? Why or why not?

2. The passage mentions Maria buys fresh fruits every Saturday. How important do you think it is to buy fresh food regularly, and why?

3. Maria buys different fruits like apples, bananas, and oranges. Which fruits are popular in your country, and do you prefer them over others?

# Answer Key

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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Q1 C

Q2 B

Q3 B

Q4 A

Q5 B

## VOCABULARY EXERCISE

FIB1 market

FIB2 fresh

FIB3 kilogram

FIB4 price

FIB5 counts

FIB6 spends

## Comprehension Question Explanations

Why the correct answer is right — and why each wrong option is incorrect.

### 1. How much does Maria pay for oranges?

✓ C — \$9 Maria pays \$3 times 3 for 3 kilograms of oranges, which is \$9.

✗ A — \$3 \$3 is the price per kilogram, not the total for 3 kilograms.

✗ B — \$6 \$6 would be the total for 2 kilograms, not 3.

✗ D — \$12 \$12 is more than the total cost for 3 kilograms.

### 2. Why does Maria choose to shop on Saturdays?

✓ B — She is free to shop on Saturdays The passage mentions she goes every Saturday, suggesting it fits her schedule.

✗ A — The market is closed on other days The passage does not say the market is closed on other days.

✗ C — Fruits are cheaper on Saturdays There is no information about fruits being cheaper on Saturdays.

✗ D — She prefers shopping with friends The passage does not mention shopping with friends.

### 3. What is the first fruit mentioned that Maria wants to buy?

✓ B — Apples Apples are the first fruit mentioned in the list Maria wants to buy.

✗ A — Bananas Bananas are mentioned after apples.

✗ C — Oranges Oranges are mentioned after apples.

✗ D — Grapes Grapes are not mentioned in the passage.

### 4. What does Maria do after buying the fruits?

✓ A — She counts her money The passage states that Maria counts her money after she buys the fruits.

✗ B — She buys vegetables The passage does not mention buying vegetables.

✗ C — She goes home The passage does not mention her going home after buying fruits.

✗ D — She talks to friends The passage does not mention talking to friends.

### 5. Why is Maria happy after shopping?

✓ **B — She bought everything she wanted**

The passage ends with Maria being happy with her shopping, suggesting she bought what she wanted.

✗ **A — She saved money**

*The passage does not mention saving money.*

✗ **C — She met a friend**

*Meeting a friend is not mentioned in the passage.*

✗ **D — She found a new market**

*There is no mention of finding a new market.*

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